

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and mobile telephone apparatus for placing a long distance call, the mobile telephone of the type having a data messaging device included therein for communicating with a data network and using a Remote Telephone Call Origination (RTCO) to avoid relatively high charges in one locale and to incur lower charges in a second, lower-cost locale. The method and telephone apparatus place calls by:

- (a) capturing a telephone number dialed by a user of the mobile telephone;
- (b) transmitting a data message to the data network using the data message device, the data message including the dialed telephone number and identifying the mobile telephone number;
- (c) relaying the message from the data network to the RTCO platform;
- (d) placing a first call from the callback platform to the mobile telephone; and
- (e) placing a second call from the callback platform to the long distance telephone number dialed in a manner to connect the first and second calls to each other.